

REMARKS

Claims 13-18, 20-22, and 25 are all of the pending claims. Claims 13 and 20 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

Claims 13-16, 18, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams (US 5,042,119).

Claims 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams.

These rejections are moot in view of the amendment made to independent claim 13.

Allowable Subject Matter

Independent combination claim 25 is allowed.

The Examiner has indicated that dependent claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant has added the recitations of the broader ranges of claim 19 to independent claim 13. In view of this amendment, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for immediate allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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